



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5257

February Session, 2018



**AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF
PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 46a-11b of the 2018 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

4 (a) Any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of
5 chapter 370, any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this
6 state, whether or not so licensed, any registered nurse, any person paid
7 for caring for persons in any facility and any licensed practical nurse,
8 medical examiner, dental hygienist, dentist, occupational therapist,
9 optometrist, chiropractor, psychologist, podiatrist, social worker,
10 school teacher, school principal, school guidance counselor, school
11 paraprofessional, mental health professional, physician assistant,
12 licensed or certified substance abuse counselor, licensed marital and
13 family therapist, speech and language pathologist, clergyman, police
14 officer, pharmacist, physical therapist, licensed professional counselor
15 or sexual assault counselor or domestic violence counselor, as defined
16 in section 52-146k, who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that
17 any person with intellectual disability or any person who receives
18 services from the Department of Social Services' Division of Autism

19 Spectrum Disorder Services has been abused or neglected shall, as
 20 soon as practicable but not later than [seventy-two] forty-eight hours
 21 after such person has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a
 22 person with intellectual disability or any person who receives services
 23 from the Department of Social Services' Division of Autism Spectrum
 24 Disorder Services has been abused or neglected, report such
 25 information or cause a report to be made in any reasonable manner to
 26 the commissioner, [. Such] or the commissioner's designee. An
 27 unsuccessful attempt to make an initial report to the commissioner, or
 28 the commissioner's designee, on a weekend or after normal business
 29 hours shall not be construed as a violation of this section if reasonable
 30 attempts are made by a person required to report under this subsection
 31 to reach the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, as soon as
 32 practicable after the initial attempt. The initial report shall be followed
 33 up by a written report not later than five calendar days after the initial
 34 report was made. Any person required to report under this subsection
 35 who fails to make such report shall be fined not more than five
 36 hundred dollars. For purposes of this subsection, "reasonable manner"
 37 and "reasonable attempts" mean efforts that include, but are not
 38 limited to, efforts to reach the commissioner, or the commissioner's
 39 designee, by phone, in person or by electronic mail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2018	46a-11b(a)
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HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*